

Civil Procedure Fall 2014 - Professor Lonny Hoffman

Course Details and Syllabus

Course Description

In this class we will study the procedural laws that apply to lawsuits filed in state and federal courts. Lawsuits are not the only method for resolving disputes; in fact, they are one of the rarest. Far more often, disputes are resolved without litigation, or not resolved at all. But when someone does file a civil suit there are rules that govern everything about it: from the procedures that apply to a suit's commencement all the way through to those that bear relevance at the end of a case, which sometimes (though not very often) is the trial. Over the entire arc of the semester, we will study these rules closely to learn what they are and how they work, and how persuasive legal arguments can be constructed around them. Our study of procedure will also examine an array of professionalism issues, both ethical and strategic, that litigators regularly face. This attentiveness to both the doctrinal law, and to the application of that law by lawyers, will be a recurrent approach of the course.

Course Materials

You do not have to buy a casebook for this class. Instead, I've prepared course materials for you (listed as "CM" in the syllabus below). These materials, saved in searchable .pdf format, are available for you to download from my UH webpage, <http://www.law.uh.edu/faculty/lhoffman/civilprocedure.asp>. The materials are broken down into seven separate files, corresponding to the seven main sections of the syllabus.

You also will need access to the procedural rules and statutes that govern federal civil cases. One option is to buy the rulebook that I've reserved in the UH bookstore: West Publishing: FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, 2014-2015 EDUCATIONAL EDITION, ISBN No. 9780314287304. Other published versions of rulebooks will also do if you find one elsewhere for less. Just be aware that the older you go, the more out of date you will be. That said, the last set of major rule changes were in December 2011 so you can go back at least a couple of years and still manage reasonably well.

An alternative to buying any book (used or new) is to access the rules and statutes on the web. One good site is <http://www.law.cornell.edu/rules/frcp/>. The rules are also available at <http://www.uscourts.gov/uscourts/rules/civil-procedure.pdf>. Current statutes can be found in numerous places, such as www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text. Another good site for statutes is <http://uscode.house.gov/search/prevcode.shtml>. It provides links both to the current version of the U.S. Code, as well as to prior enacted versions (which is helpful when you are interested in seeing a prior version of the statute).

Class Schedule

This class meets on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:00-2:15 pm. The ABA requires that all four-credit classes meet at least 2,800 minutes over the course of the semester. With 40 scheduled class sessions, each 75 minutes, we could miss up to two classes without having to reschedule them if bad weather or some other unanticipated event causes us to cancel class (38 classes x 75 minutes each = 2,850 minutes).

Classroom Time

I use several different teaching styles in class. Some days are mostly lecture and discussion classes. The best preparation for these class days is just to read the assigned material carefully before we meet. On other class days we will go over specific practice problems that are in your course materials. You will get the most out of these classes by preparing the problems in advance. As the syllabus indicates, you are required to turn in some problems before class to your assigned teaching assistant. Other problems are for you to work on your own; we'll discuss these together in class. Of course, the more you put into all the problems, the more you will get out of the class time we spend going over them.

Attendance and Participation

The school's academic rules and I require that you attend at least 80% of the classes. I may lower a final grade or take other appropriate disciplinary action (up to entering a failing grade) if it is determined that a student is absent from more than 20% of the classes. I treat the sign-in sheet that I circulate each class period as presumptive evidence that you were there (or not there). Since we have 40 regularly scheduled classes, this means you should not miss more than 8 class sessions. School rules allow me to improve a student's grade by as much as one-third of a letter grade based on class performance (e.g., from B to B+). Keep in mind that in-class performance is based on the overall quality, not quantity, of your participation. Typically, only a handful of students earn this participation increase. On rare occasions, I've reduced a student's grade for failure to attend or participate.

Grading

The final examination is on December 5, 2014 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm. It will be an in-class, open book examination comprised of two medium-length essay questions (worth 80% of the final exam grade) and some (probably between 15-20) multiple-choice questions (worth the remaining 20% of the exam grade). Most of my past exams are available by going to this link on my webpage: <http://www.law.uh.edu/faculty/main.asp?PID=179>. We also will be working many practice exam problems throughout the semester to help you prepare for the final. I will give you more details about the exam during the semester.

The Teaching Assistant Program for this Course

I use a unique teaching assistant program in this class that the vast majority of my former students have told me they find very helpful. We are fortunate to have four teaching assistants who will be working with us this semester. I will introduce all of them and discuss the teaching assistant program in depth when we meet on the first class day.

Contact Information and Office Hours

My office is in the Deans' suite. Feel free to stop by during my office hours (Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2:15-3:00pm) or call/email in advance to schedule an appointment at another convenient time. Phone is (713) 743-5206; email is LHoffman@uh.edu. My assistant is Maria Lopez. Her phone is (713) 743-7699; her email is mslopez2@central.uh.edu.

Course Syllabus

Below is the detailed course outline and syllabus. You can use it as a roadmap for where we will be going during the semester. The dates are estimates of when we will get to this material. To help you plan in advance, heavier-than-usual reading assignments are listed **in bold**.

Class #1- August 26	In advance of our Aug 26 class read:
I. Introduction to Civil Procedure	<input type="checkbox"/> Mary Brigid McManamon, <i>The History of the Civil Procedure Course: A Study in Evolving Pedagogy</i> (CM 1-6), article publicly available at http://works.bepress.com/mary_brigid_mcmanamon/1/
A. Introduction to the Course and Overview of Course Themes	<input type="checkbox"/> Paul MacMahon, <i>Proceduralism, Civil Justice and American Legal Thought</i> (CM 7-8), article publicly available at http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2279153
	<input type="checkbox"/> Lonny Hoffman, <i>A Parting Reprise</i> (CM 9-23), article publicly available at http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=898240
	<input type="checkbox"/> Stephen Shapiro, <i>Teaching First-Year Civil Procedure and Other Introductory Courses by the Problem Method</i> (CM 24-26), article publicly available at http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1426113
	<input type="checkbox"/> Suggested (optional) additional assignment in advance of Aug 27 class: Watch <i>Full Faith and Credit</i> , video by Columbia Law Review students, at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0XgObo75Y0Q (warning: if this were a movie, it would surely be given an R rating).

<p>Class #2- August 27</p> <p>B. How Lawyers Use Procedure as Strategy; American Reliance on Private Enforcement of Law</p>	<p>In advance of our Aug 27 class read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Charles Adams, <i>World-Wide Volkswagen v. Woodson – The Rest of the Story</i> (CM 27-34) (permission granted by author to use). □ Burbank, Farhang and Kritzer, <i>Private Enforcement</i> (CM 35-39), article publicly available at http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2325579
<p>Class #3- August 28</p> <p>C. Adoption of the Rules, and Rulemaking</p>	<p>In advance of our Aug 28 class read (Note: I have bolded the reading assignment for this class to indicate that it is heavier than usual; not so much because of the number of pages you have to read, but because of the density of subject matter covered):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Subrin, <i>How Equity Conquered Common Law: The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure in Historical Perspective</i> (CM 40-46), article publicly available at http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2084735 □ Thomas Main, Traditional Equity and Contemporary Procedure (CM 47-51), article publicly available at http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=421320 □ Mulligan and Staszewski, The Supreme Court’s Regulation of Civil Procedure; Lessons from Administrative Law (CM 52-53), article publicly available at http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1897864
<p>Class #4- Sept 2</p> <p>II. The Civil Lawsuit</p> <p>A. Notice Pleading</p>	<p>In advance of our Sept 2 class read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Questions to Think About in Advance of Discussion of Notice Pleading (CM 54) □ Fed. R. Civ. P. 8 and 9, as well as Form 11 (which you can find in the Appendix of Forms following the rules) □ <i>Swierkiewicz</i> Opinion and Plaintiff’s Complaint (CM 55-71). Note: you can skim through the complaint; it’s included mostly for illustrative purposes. · <i>Ashcroft v. Iqbal</i> (CM 72-89) <p>Suggested (optional) video to watch on pleading standards: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e9nn-bhcBp0</p>

<p>Class #5- Sept 3</p> <p>(continue prior discussion of notice pleading)</p>	<p>In advance of our Sept 3 class read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Burbank, et al, <i>Private Enforcement of Statutory and Administrative Law</i> (CM 90-94), article publicly available at http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1781047 □ Brian Fitzpatrick, <i>Twombly and Iqbal Reconsidered</i> (CM 95-101), article publicly available at http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2091622 □ <i>Alexander v. U.S.</i> (CM 102-115)
<p>Class #6- Sept 4</p> <p>(continue prior discussion of notice pleading)</p>	<p>In advance of our Sept 4 class:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Discuss in class Practice Problem for Notice Pleading- Problem #1 (CM 116). You will not turn in any answer; we will just work the problem together in class.
<p>Class #7-Sept 9</p> <p>(continue prior discussion of notice pleading)</p>	<p>In advance of our Sept 9 class:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Prepare your written answer to Practice Problem For Notice Pleading- Problem #2 (CM 117). Turn in answer to your TA by 9:00am on Sept 9. In class, we will discuss the problem together <p>Suggested (optional) additional reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Arthur Miller, <i>From Conley to Twombly to Iqbal: A Double Play on the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure</i>, 60 Duke L. J. 1 (2010), article publicly available at http://scholarship.law.duke.edu/dlj/vol60/iss1/1/ □ Lonny Hoffman, <i>Rulemaking in the Age of Twombly and Iqbal</i>, article publicly available at http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2123325
<p>Class #8- Sept 10</p> <p>B. Motions, Answers and Affirmative Defenses</p> <p>1. Defendant's Answer and (some) Rule 12 Motions: Rules 12(b)(6), 12(c) and Rule 12(e)</p>	<p>In advance of our Sept 10 class</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Read Rules 8(b) and 8(c), 12(b)(6), 12(c) and 12(e) □ Read Defendant's Answer from <i>Madrigal v. Kerry, Inc.</i> (CM 118-120). Note: Just skim; this is for illustrative purposes only □ Prepare Exercise on Timing and Waiver (CM 121). You do not need to turn anything in. Prepare only for class discussion purposes.

<p>Class #9-Sept 11</p> <p>2. Rule 11: Certifications and Sanctions</p>	<p>In advance of our Sept 11 class read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Questions to Think About in Advance of Discussion of Rule 11 (CM 122) <input type="checkbox"/> Fed. R. Civ. P. 11 and text of advisory committee notes accompanying 1983 and 1993 amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Excerpt from Lonny Hoffman, <i>The Case Against the Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2011</i> (CM 123-140), article publicly available at http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1807123
<p>Class #10-Sept 16</p> <p>C. Amendments</p>	<p>In advance of our Sept 16 class read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Rule 15 <input type="checkbox"/> Susan Hauser, <i>The 2009 Amendment to Federal Rule 15(a)(1) – A Study in Ambiguity</i> (CM 141-146), article publicly available at http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1929795 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>On Track Innovations v. T-Mobile</i> (CM 147-156) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Spencer v. Wal-Mart</i> (CM 157-159)
<p>Class #11-Sept 17</p> <p>(continue prior discussion of amendments)</p>	<p>In advance of our Sept 17 class read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Anderson v. Bondex</i> (CM 160-167) <input type="checkbox"/> Robert Lusardi, <i>Rule 15(c) Mistake: The Supreme Court in Krupski...</i>, (CM 168-174), article publicly available at http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1971291
<p>Class #12-Sept 18</p> <p>(continue prior discussion of amendments)</p>	<p>In advance of our Sept 18 class:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare Practice Problem for Amendments (CM 175-176). Turn in your answer to your TA before class. We will work the problem together in class.

<p>Class #13-Sept 23</p> <p>D. Joinder of Claims and Parties; and Counterclaims and Cross-Claims</p>	<p>In advance of our Sept 23 class read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Rules 13, 14, 18, 19, 20 and 23 □ Mary Kay Kane, <i>Original Sin and the Transaction in Federal Civil Procedure</i> (CM 177-181), article publicly available at http://librarysource.uchastings.edu/repository/Kane/76TexLRev1723.pdf □ Douglas McFarland, <i>Seeing the Forest for the Trees</i> (CM 182-189), article publicly available at http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1957388
<p>Class #14-Sept 24</p> <p>(continue prior discussion of joinder of claims and parties, counterclaims and cross-claims)</p>	<p>In advance of our Sept 24 class, prepare Problem on Joinder and Amendments (CM 190). Turn in your answer to your TA before class. We will work the problem together in class.</p>
<p>Class #15-Sept 25</p> <p>III. Personal Jurisdiction, Venue, and Related Issues</p> <p>A. Introduction to Personal Jurisdiction: the Traditional Conception of Jurisdiction</p>	<p>In advance of Sept 25 class:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Read Questions to Think About in Advance of Reading <i>Pennoyer v. Neff</i> (CM 191) □ Read <i>Pennoyer v. Neff</i> (CM 192-198) □ Read Wendy Collins Perdue, <i>What's "Sovereignty" Got To Do With It? Due Process, Personal Jurisdiction, and the Supreme Court</i> (CM 199-202), article publicly available at http://files.sclawreview.org/volumes/63/3/63.3(13)perdue.pdf <p>Suggested (optional) short video to watch about personal jurisdiction: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QBpz-mQ2QeQ</p>
<p>Class #16- Sept 30</p> <p>B. The Evolution of the Constitutional Personal Jurisdiction Doctrine</p>	<p>In advance of our Sept 30 class, read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ <i>International Shoe v. Washington</i> (CM 203-209) □ Excerpt from Lonny Hoffman, <i>The Case Against Vicarious Jurisdiction</i> (CM 210-211), article publicly available at http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=893652 <p>Suggested (optional) short video to watch (fun video): http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e6L90oN4ppY</p>

<p>Class #17-Oct 1</p> <p>C. Long Arm Statutes and Other Non-Constitutional Limits on Judicial Jurisdiction</p>	<p>In advance of our Oct 1 class, read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Gray v. American Radiator</i> (CM 212-217) <input type="checkbox"/> Ohio Long Arm Statute (CM 218) <input type="checkbox"/> Rule 4(k)(1)(a)
<p>Class #18-Oct 2</p> <p>D. The Modern Test for Constitutional Amenability to Suit</p> <p>1. General Jurisdiction</p>	<p>In advance of our Oct 2 class, read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>DaimlerChrysler v. Bauman</i> (CM 219-229)
<p>Class #19-Oct 7</p> <p>2. Specific Jurisdiction: Intentional Wrongs and Contract Cases</p>	<p>In advance of our Oct 7 class, read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Burger King v. Rudzewicz</i> (CM 230-237) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Walden v. Fiore</i> (CM 238-251)
<p>Class #20-Oct 8</p> <p>(continue prior discussion of constitutional limits on personal jurisdiction)</p>	<p>In advance of our Oct 8 class, prepare Practice Problem for Personal Jurisdiction (CM 252-253). Turn in your answer to your TA before class. We will work the problem together in class.</p>
<p>Class #21-Oct 9</p> <p>3. Specific Jurisdiction: Product Liability Cases</p>	<p>In advance of our Oct 9 class, read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>World-Wide Volkswagen case v. Robinson</i> (CM 254-258) <input type="checkbox"/> Questions to Think About in Advance of Reading McIntyre (CM 259) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>McIntyre v. Nicastro</i> (CM 260-280) <input type="checkbox"/> Adam Steinman, <i>The Lay of the Land: Examining the Three Opinions in J. McIntyre...</i> (CM 281-287), article publicly available at http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2049896

<p>Class #22-Oct 14</p> <p>E. Choice of Forum, Exclusive Jurisdiction and Mandatory Arbitration Provisions</p>	<p>In advance of our Oct 14 class, read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Carnival Cruise Lines v. Shute</i> (CM 288-290) <input type="checkbox"/> Linksys Terms and Conditions, eBay User Agreement (CM 291-296) (just skim; included mostly for illustrative purposes) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>AT & T v. Concepcion</i> (CM 297-302) <input type="checkbox"/> Excerpt from Jean Sternlight, <i>Tsunami</i> (CM 303-306), article publicly available at http://law.uoregon.edu/org/olr/volumes/90/3/docs/Sternlight.pdf <input type="checkbox"/> Excerpt from Eisenberg et al, <i>Arbitration's Summer Soldiers</i> (CM 307-312), article publicly available at http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1076968 <p>Suggested (optional) video to watch on a motion to dismiss brought to enforce an arbitration agreement. Note: this video is an actual hearing brought in a federal court. You certainly should not watch the whole thing, but you may find it helpful to watch a portion to get a sense of how lawyers might argue this kind of motion:</p> <p>http://www.uscourts.gov/Multimedia/Cameras/DistrictofMassachusetts.aspx?video_uuid=csrj2487&categoryId=53247</p>
<p>Class #23-Oct 15</p> <p>F. Constitutional Requirements for Notice</p>	<p>In advance of our Oct 15 class read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Read <i>Jones v. Flowers</i> (CM 313-319) <input type="checkbox"/> Read Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare Notice Practice Problem (Fall 2007 exam question) (CM 320). You do not need to turn anything in; prep only for discussion purposes.
<p>Class #24-Oct 16</p> <p>G. Venue</p>	<p>In advance of our Oct 16 class</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Read 28 U.S.C. § 1391 <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare Venue Problems (CM 321). You do not need to turn anything in; prep only for discussion purposes.

<p>Class #25-Oct 21</p> <p>H. Transfer of Venue</p>	<p>In advance of our Oct 21 class</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ 28 U.S.C. §§ 1404, 1406 □ <i>Atlantic Marine Constr. v. U.S. District Court</i> (CM at 322-338) <p>Suggested (optional) short video to watch on venue transfers (Note: this video was created by Prof Angela Upchurch (Capital Univ) for her Procedure students): http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E8M8CkYIHDg</p>
<p>Class #26-Oct 22</p> <p>I. Forum Non Conveniens</p>	<p>In advance of our Oct 22 class read</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Questions to Think About in Advance of <i>Piper Aircraft v. Reyno</i> (CM 339) □ <i>Piper Aircraft</i> (CM 340-348)
<p>Class #27-Oct 23</p> <p>(continue prior discussion of FNC)</p>	<p>In advance of our Oct 23 class prepare Practice Question for FNC (to be distributed). Turn in your answer to your TA before class. We will work the problem together in class.</p> <p>Optional suggested reading: Excerpt from Lonny Hoffman, <i>Forum Non Conveniens in Federal Statutory Cases</i>, article publicly available at http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=898854</p>
<p>Class #28-Oct 28</p> <p>IV. Subject Matter Jurisdiction and Related Issues</p> <p>A. Diversity Jurisdiction</p>	<p>In advance of our Oct 28 class read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ <i>Mas v. Perry</i> (CM 349-353) □ <i>Hertz v. Friend</i> (CM 354-366) □ U.S. Const. Article III, §2; 28 U.S.C. §1332
<p>Class #29-Oct 29</p> <p>B. Federal Question Jurisdiction</p>	<p>In advance of our Oct 29 class, read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ U.S. Const. Article III, §2; 28 U.S.C. §1331 □ <i>Louisville & Nashville R.R. Co. v. Mottley</i> (CM 367-368) □ <i>Grable v. Darue Eng.</i> (CM 369-379)

Class #30-Oct 30 (continue prior discussion of federal question jurisdiction)	<p>In advance of our Nov 5 class prepare Practice Question for Federal Question Jurisdiction (to be distributed). Turn in your answer to your teaching assistant before class. We will work the problem together in class.</p> <p>Optional suggested reading: Excerpt from Lonny Hoffman, <i>Intersections of State and Federal Power: State Judges, Federal Law and the "Reliance Principle"</i>, 81 TUL. L. REV. 283 (2006), article publicly available at http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=886725</p>
Class #31-Nov 4 C. Supplemental Jurisdiction	<p>In advance of our Nov 4 class read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>UMW v. Gibbs</i> (CM 380-382) <input type="checkbox"/> Read <i>Exxon Mobil Corp. v. Allapattah Services, Inc</i> (CM 383-401) <input type="checkbox"/> 28 U.S.C. §1367
Class #32-Nov 5 (continue prior discussion of supplemental jurisdiction)	<p>In advance of our Nov 5 class,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare Practice Problem on Supplemental Jurisdiction (to be distributed). You do not need to turn anything in; prep only for discussion purposes.
Class #33-Nov 6 D. Removal	<p>In advance of our Nov 6 class, read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 28 U.S.C. §§ 1441, 1446 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Martin v. Franklin Capital</i> (CM 402-410) <p>Suggested (optional) video to watch on motions to remand. Note: this video is an actual hearing on a motion to remand brought in a federal court. You certainly should not watch the whole thing, but you may find it helpful to watch a portion to get a sense of how lawyers might argue this kind of motion:</p> <p>http://www.uscourts.gov/Multimedia/Cameras/SouthernDistrictofIowa.aspx?video_uuid=mjud83r9&categoryId=59995</p>
Class #34-Nov 11 V. The Choice of Law Problem in Federal Court: Federal or State Law	<p>In advance of our Nov 11 class read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Erie Railroad v. Tompkins</i> (CM 411-414) <input type="checkbox"/> 28 U.S.C. §§ 1652, 2071, 2072 <input type="checkbox"/> Adam Steinman, <i>What is the Erie Doctrine?</i> (CM 415-421) article also publicly available at http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1115336

<p>Class #35-Nov 12</p> <p>VI. Discovery</p> <p>A. Introduction to Discovery and Overview of Discovery Mechanisms</p> <p>B. Special Consideration of Electronic Discovery</p>	<p>In advance of our Nov 12 class read (in this order):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Rules 26(a)(1), (a)(2) and (a)(3), <input type="checkbox"/> Rule 16(b) <input type="checkbox"/> Read the rest of Rule 26 <input type="checkbox"/> Rules 27, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, and 37 <p>Also read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Withers and Latin, <i>Living Daily With Weekley Homes</i> (CM 422-424) article also publicly available at www.litigationsection.com <input type="checkbox"/> Raymond, <i>Tackling E Discovery on a Budget</i> (CM 425-428) article also publicly available at www.litigationsection.com <input type="checkbox"/> Epperson <i>E-Discovery/In-House</i> (CM 429-431) article also publicly available at www.litigationsection.com
<p>Class #36-Nov 13</p> <p>C. What Do We Know About Discovery Use and Abuse</p> <p>D. Proposed Amendments to Discovery Rules</p>	<p>In advance of our Nov 13 class, read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Lee & Willging, <i>Defining the Problem of Cost in Federal Civil Litigation</i> (CM 432-455) article also available at http://scholarship.law.duke.edu <input type="checkbox"/> Readings on Proposed Amendments to Discovery Rules (CM 456-471). Note: Just skim this reading material. We will discuss key points in class). <input type="checkbox"/> Optional, suggested reading: Lonny Hoffman, <i>The Case Against LARA 2011</i>, article publicly available at http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1807123, pp. 13-20 and 29-31
<p>Class #37-Nov 18</p> <p>E. Attorney-Client Communications, Work Product and Experts</p>	<p>In advance of our Nov 18 class, read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Questions to Think About in Advance of <i>Hickman v. Taylor</i> and <i>Upjohn</i> cases (CM 472) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Hickman v. Taylor</i> (CM 473-480) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Upjohn v. United States</i> (CM 481-487) <input type="checkbox"/> Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(3) and (b)(4) <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare Discovery Practice Exercises (CM 488-489). You will not turn in an answer. Prepare the problem only for class discussion purposes.

<p>Class #38-Nov 19</p> <p>VII. Judgment As A Matter of Law: Summary Judgment</p>	<p>In advance of our Nov 19 class read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Celotex v. Catrett</i> (CM 490-493) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Scott v. Harris</i> (CM 494-506) <input type="checkbox"/> Fed. R. Civ. P. 56
<p>Class #39-Nov 20</p> <p>(continue prior discussion of summary judgment)</p>	<p>In advance of our Nov 20 class</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Read <i>Tolan v. Cotton</i> (CM 507-517) <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare Practice Question on Summary Judgment (CM 518). You will not turn in an answer. Prepare the problem only for class discussion purposes.
<p>Class #40-Nov 25</p>	<p>The last day of class, Nov 25, will be devoted to course summation and initial review for the final exam.</p> <p>I will hold an additional, optional exam review session on Monday, Dec. 1 at 10:00 am.</p>